

**MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**Thursday, February 2, 2006
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved June 1, 2006)**

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Commissioner Waespi, Vice Chair.

Commissioners Present:

Dennis Waespi
Stephen Sanger
David Tam (arrived late)
Harry Francis
MaryAnn McMillan
Julie Machado
James Loughran

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Annalee Allen
David Sadoff
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Marie Cronin
Commissioners Absent:
Abe Friedman
Marie Cronin

Staff Present:

Cindy Horvath
Nilma Singh

Guests:

Lawrence Lepore, Park Superintendent, HARD
Jim Baker, 341 Kilkare Road, Sunol
Bob MacKensen, Consultant/Preservation Architect

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE – A folder of newsletters and other mailings from various government agencies and private organizations will be circulated for the Commission’s review. Commissioners may bring up any information item of interest to the Commission. No action may be taken on these items.

II. APPROVAL of January 5 Minutes – Commissioner Tam requested that his name be added to the list of Commissioners excused instead of being absent. Commissioner Machado pointed out that her correction to the July Minutes was not worded correctly and she would forward the correct language to the recording secretary. Commissioner Sanger made a correction on Page 2, Old Business, (B), “...Prop 12 funds could be exchanged for Prop 40 funds...”. Commissioner Francis made the motion to approve the January 5th minutes with the above corrections and Commissioner Sanger seconded.

III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

IV. CHAIR and STAFF REPORT(S):

A. CHAIR REPORT – Commissioner Waespi announced that a new Commissioner, David Furst, has been appointed.

B. STAFF REPORT – Based on the suggestions made at the last meeting, Ms. Horvath indicated that a draft agenda had been included in the package along with a draft distribution (mailing) list. She requested additions and/or corrections to the

list as soon as possible. Outreach work will begin on Monday. In addition, a flier will be designed for display in the libraries and copies will be included in each Commission package for distribution. Commissioner Machado requested the addition of all home associations in the unincorporated areas. Staff felt that perhaps dinner could be ordered for the March 2nd meeting as the workshop has been scheduled after the regular meeting. Any ideas would be welcomed. Commissioner Waespi asked if Commission attendance could be confirmed and staff to check with Chair Sadoff on the possibility of shortening the regular Commission meeting to allow for a dinner break.

V. OLD BUSINESS – All old business will include information, discussion and/or action by the Commission.

A. 341 Kilkare Road, Sunol – Commissioner Waespi noted that in response to the Commission’s questions, the applicant has submitted elevation drawings. A discussion followed regarding the porch as Commissioner McMillan said she had concerns with the continuation of the porch. Staff noted that Sunol Advisory Council approves the plan as long as the historic integrity is retained. Commissioner Sanger recommended that the matter be agendized and the above language added. Bob MacKensen, Consultant/Preservation Architect, pointed out that the National Registrar was not involved. Commissioner Loughran made the motion to approve the plans and Commissioner Francis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Baker asked what his step would be. Staff replied that he could move forward with his project and a copy of the minutes from today’s hearing will be included in the Planning file.

B. Historic Survey and Preservation Ordinance – (Discussion occurred under Staff Report).

C. Proposition 12 Funding - Staff stated that some information had been included in the Commission package, guidelines to the Grant program. On-going discussions have been occurring between County Counsel, Board of Supervisors’ staff, CDS Director, Planning Director and staff on exchanging Prop 12 fund to Prop 40. Preliminary decision has been made and some projects have been proposed, LARPD (trails project), HARD (Meek Estate) and EBPRD (regional projects). Due to the timeframe concerns, there will not be an opportunity to re-agendize this matter for further discussions. Mr. Lepore, representing HARD, confirmed the above adding that the EBRPD project is Row Chabot. Fund allocation will be as follows: \$85,000 for the HARD Meek Estate project; \$90,000 for the Row Chabot project and a \$100,000 for the LARPD trail project. HARD is dissatisfied with this allocation since HARD, serving all unincorporated areas, will receive the least amount. Commissioner Machado said she was not satisfied with the decision being taken away from this Commission and it was not appropriate that LAPRD would be receiving the largest portion especially since they had already received some Prop 12 funds in the past. Commissioner McMillan said her concern was the amount of unincorporated areas in Livermore and further requested additional information on the Row Chabot project. Mr. Lepore explained that it was a small rowing club. Referring to the Procedural Guide for the Per Capita Grant Program, Commissioner Sanger noted that under the per Capita Formula, a recipient can only receive funds under one umbrella and the project area has to be located in the unincorporated area. He urged staff and Mr. Amoroso’s attention to the Procedural Guide. Ms. Horvath replied that County Counsel was also involved in the discussions and further suggested that the Commission write a letter about process. Commissioner Sanger added that the letter should clarify that, in the event there is an issue regarding the distribution of the funds similar to the Brown House issue, this was

not the decision of this Commission or its subcommittee to move forward with this recommendation. The agreement letter did give EBRPD the authority to distribute the funds. As such, perhaps individual Commissioners could write letters reflecting that it is the Commission's consensus that they disagree with the distribution of the funds. Mr. Lepore felt that the matter could be agendized next month for Commission to write a letter. Staff agreed. Commissioner Waespi suggested that if the matter is agendized, he would like to extend an invitation to LAPRD and Row Chabot. He felt that perhaps the amount be reversed. Commissioner Sanger also discussed the responsibility of completing the State forms. Per intent of the legislation, service population is considered a component.

Commissioner Tam arrived. A discussion followed on the State guidelines and the intent of the legislation. Commissioner Machado suggested that perhaps the CDA Director, Mr. Sorensen and the Planning Director, Mr. Bazar be invited to the next Commission meeting if this matter is agendized and Commissioner Sanger added EBRPD and BOS staff. The Chair summarized that the Commission would like to receive clarification on the process and fund guidelines, additional information on the three projects, the matter be agendized, a letter to be drafted by Commissioner Machado and proof-read by Commissioner Sanger and staff to check with CDA and Planning Directors regarding their availability.

D. Delco/Alcorn Property, 4653 Malabar Avenue, Castro Valley – Staff noted that copies of the Historical/Cultural Resources portion of the DEIR had been included in all Commission package and the entire DEIR and the Technical Appendices to the Subcommittee members. Since the comment period ends March 15, 2006, the matter could be agendized for action at the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – None.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – No report.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

A. District 1 – No report.

B. District 2 – Commissioner Francis stated that the skateboard park project is making progress. Mr. Lepore added that they had submitted a Preliminary Master Plan for the Doby Park area at the meeting with Castro Valley Unified School District last week. The School District has hired a surveyor who has prepared a topographical map and has also hired an architect to design the loading and unloading zone and its tie to the park design. There is a strong support to move the combined project forward. Mr. Lepore further described the services/facilities the park would provide upon completion. Commissioner Francis also announced the availability of 24 acre land area in Castro Valley for park purposes. A meeting was held at CV High School with over 400 attendees. There is also a lot of support for this proposition.

Commissioner McMillan reported that San Lorenzo Heritage Society has been working with Carl Zabel, HARD, and presented a grant proposal to State for a planning grant for the Nielsen Farrow barn at Kennedy Park. She also announced that Mr. Ignacio Rodrigo celebrated his 100th birthday on January 16, 2006.

C. District 3 – Commissioner Loughran announced the death of Jean Siri at the age of 85. She had been a great pioneer and had been very involved in park activities. A memorial service has been set for next Friday.

D. District 4 – No report.

E. District 5 – Commissioner Tam announced that City of Berkeley, City Council next Tuesday night will be having a meeting on the revisions of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. There was an article in the Chronical on Oakland Mayor’s work on the housing issue which he could email to any interested Commissioners. In reference to Jean Siri, he added that she had gotten her name of “Wild Woman of the West Contra Costa County’ because of her work for the homeless. Commissioner Tam provided his cell phone number, 472-5723.

A discussion followed regarding having a quorum, attendance and attendance by phone. The Chair pointed out the blurb at the agenda which requests that contact be made to staff if any Commissioner is unable to attend or will be late. He deferred this matter to another meeting for further discussion.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Agenda items for March 2, 2006 meeting.

Commissioner Loughran made the motion to return to the approval of minutes since there was a quorum to vote. Commissioner Sanger seconded, which passed unanimously.

AGENDA PENDING FILE: These items are pending further action and will be placed on a future agenda when project information becomes available.

- A. Historical Review, 45328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley
- B. Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement Project.
- C. 278 Hampton Road.
- D. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage
- E. 16918 and 16921 Harvard Avenue, Cherryland area (ZU-2219 and ZU-2220).

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Waespi made the motion to adjourn in the memory of Jean Siri and Commissioner Francis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.